

Grand Traverse County Health Department

Fee Schedule: Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Program

When is a Soil Erosion Permit Required? An application is required for any soil disturbance:

- Within 500 feet of surface water, i.e., river, lake, or stream
- Within 500 feet of regulated wetland or county drain
- Earth change over 1 acre of land, no matter distance to water, wetland, or drain
- Site has greater than 20% slope

Site Priority Matrix

Project Priority	Inspection Frequency	Description
High Priority(4)	Twice per Month	Earth change over 5 acres AND has direct connection (immediately adjacent to or point source discharge to) surface water, wetlands or adjacent property OR earth change <5 acres with direct connection to surface waters, wetland, or adjacent properties with one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slopes of 20% • Hydrologic Group D Soils
Moderate Priority(3)	Once per Month	Earth Change over 5 acres with no direct connection to surface water, wetlands, or adjacent property OR site under 5 acres with direct connection to surface water, wetlands, or adjacent property OR with one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slopes of 20% or more • County drainage easement adjacent to or within property
Low Priority(2)	Once every two months	Earth change <5 acres AND no direct connection to surface water, wetlands, or adjacent property
Very Low Priority(1)	After control measures in place and at time of project closure and stabilization	Earth change <0.5 acre. Flat site, soils not highly erodible, and no direct connection to surface water, wetlands, or adjacent property

RESIDENTIAL Priority Fee Schedule - Permit Fee Assessed After Site Review

Permit duration of 18 months, Scaled Site Plan Required (all fees include a \$50 non-refundable application fee)

Project Type	High Priority(4)	Moderate Priority(3)	Low Priority(2)	Very Low Priority(1)
Residential New Construction	\$650	\$450	\$250	\$200
Existing Residential >1000 ft ² earth change (Garage, Addition, Outbuilding, Driveway, etc.)	\$550	\$350	\$200	\$175
Existing Residential <1000 ft ² earth change	\$450	\$300	\$175	\$150
Septic Systems Replacement (greater than 24 hrs to stabilize)	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100

COMMERCIAL Priority Fee Schedule - Permit Fee Assessed After Site Review

Permit duration of 6 months, 2 sets of Sealed Plans & Surety Required

(all fees include a \$200 non-refundable application fee)

Project Type	High Priority(4)	Moderate Priority(3)	Low Priority(2)	Very Low Priority(1)
Commercial Base Fee (up to 1 acre) -includes agricultural sites; extraction sites	\$1200 (Base Fee) \$90/acre (over 1 acre) \$150/mo. > 6 months	\$1000 (Base Fee) \$70/acre (>1acre) \$100/mo. > 6 months	\$700 (Base Fee) \$60/acre(>1acre) \$75/mo. > 6 months	\$600 (Base Fee) \$50/mo. >6 months
Farm with NRCS Plan, MEAP verification, or DEQ CAFO. Also includes Public Parks and Trails	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$300 (Base Fee) \$25/mo. >6 months
Utilities (underground or overhead) up to 1 mile	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$500 (Base Fee) \$40/each additional .5 mile

Existing Extraction Sites Permit expires after 1 year. 1 inspection per year. New and expanded sites shall obtain Commercial Permit. Site will revert to annual permit after initial permit expires.	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
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Other Fees

Permit Determinations	\$25 office review, \$75 additional if site visit needed. Full amount can be applied to permit application
Residential Preliminary Review	\$150, half of fee may be applied to permit application within 1 year
Commercial Preliminary Review	\$350, half of fee may be applied to permit application within 1 year
Permit Amendments	\$40 – administrative only \$100 – requires additional fieldwork
Permit Transfer Fee	\$100, copy of Warranty Deed Required and Permit Transfer Form required
Special Site Inspections	\$60 (additional inspections required due to compliance violations, certificate of occupancy requests, final inspection requests, etc.)
Residential Permit Extension	½ of the original permit fee for up to 6 months, not to exceed 2 years from original issue date
After the Fact Permit -earth change prior to receiving permit	Residential - Double permit fee or \$250, whichever is less Commercial – Double permit fee or \$500, whichever is less
Surety	Sanitarian will determine amount of Surety required based on the scope of project
Refunds/Cancellations	If a permit is cancelled before issuance, the application fee as stated above is still due to the Health Department (\$50 for residential, \$200 for commercial). Please note that there are NO REFUNDS once a permit has been issued.